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SUBJECT: NEAR EAST MARKETS FOR US WEST LUMBER AND PLYWOOD

REFERENCE: STATE 039568

1. STATISTICS ON IMPORTS AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LISTED BELOW.
2. NO LOCAL PRODUCTION.
3. POSSIBLY WHITE TIMBER IF PRICES AND FREIGHT CHARGES ARE COMPETITIVE. THESE ARE MULTI-PURPOSE, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND FURNITURE. DELIVERY NOT A DECISIVE FACTOR.
4. A) HASHEMITE CO. FOR CONTRACTING & BUILDING MATERIALS,  
PO BOX 377, AMMAN, JORDAN.  
  
B) TRANSJORDAN BUILDING MATERIALS CO. LTD., PO BOX 276,  
AMMAN, JORDAN.  
  
C) SALTI BROS. & CO., PO BOX 723, AMMAN, JORDAN.  
  
D) TAHER HUDHUD & SONS CO., PO BOX 446, AMMAN, JORDAN.  
  
E) UNITED BUILDING MATERIALS CO., PO BOX 404, AMMAN, JORDAN.  
  
F) YACoub MARAR, PO BOX 6036, AMMAN, JORDAN.

5. NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM FORESEEN WHICH MIGHT AFFECT  
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USE OF WOOD PRODUCTS, AND LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO

DEVELOP MARKET POTENTIAL FOR US WOOD PRODUCTS.  
 ALTHOUGH JORDAN IS AN IMPORTER OF ALL TYPES OF WOOD, US  
 HAS NEVER BEEN COMPETITIVE WITH EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EAST  
 SUPPLIERS BECAUSE OF FREIGHT. IMPORT DUTIES ARE PAID  
 ON CIF COST, A FACTOR WHICH AFFECTS DECISION OF IMPORTERS  
 WHEN PLACING ORDERS.

## 1973 TOTAL IMPORTS AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

QTY IN CU.M. VALUE IN JDS

## 44/3/A UTILITY POLE LINES

FINLAND	129,000	5,826
NORWAY	167,000	10,485
TOTAL	295,900	16,311

## 44/5/A WHITE TIMBER

LEBANON-FOREIGN	91	3,080
TURKEY	38	1,565
SINGAPORE	45	2,516
ROMANIA	10,826	234,429
USSR	15,313	360,002
YUGOSLAVIA	278	10,733
SWEDEN	101	4,100
USA	325	21,293
TOTAL	29,104	706,340

## 44/5/C BEACH WOOD

LEBANON	31	1,520
IVORY COAST	207	7,775
TURKEY	920	41,586
ROMANIA	1,391	42,701
YUGOSLAVIA	3,786	174,289
SWEDEN	319	10,965
TOTAL	6,654	278,836

## 44/5/D PINE WOOD

USSR	365	7,445
SWEDEN	3/283	122,776
TOTAL	3,635	130,221

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## 44/5/E LOOSE WOODEN BOXES AND USED WOOD

LEBANON	77,000	766
KUWAIT-FOREIGN	1,217,440	13,997
SAUDI ARABIA-FOREIGN	39,000	559
SWEDEN	829,940	9,508
TOTAL	2,163,380	24,830

44/15/A PLYWOOD, BLACKBOARD, LAMINBOARD, BATTENBOARD AND  
VENEERED PANELS

LEBANON	1,490	142,450
SYRIA	44	1,404
KUWAIT-FOREIGN	50	4,146
SINGAPORE	1,634	127,367
THAILAND	32	3,260
JAPAN	18	2,144
FORMOSA	1,798	149,617
USA	6	544
TOTAL	5,072	430,933

44/15/B INLAID WOOD, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ANY  
MATERIAL AND WOOD MARQUETRY

LEBANON	2,524,685	308,057
LEBANON-FOREIGN	2,650	311
SYRIA	474,880	31,387
SINGAPORE	30,248	5,128
YUGOSLAVIA	56,190	7,203
W GERMANY	14,543	2,914
TOTAL	3,103,196	355,000

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